

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

COMPETITIVE PRICE CHANGES

Docket No. CP2022-99

**USPS RESPONSE TO
CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 2,
WITH MATERIAL FILED UNDER SEAL**
(September 1, 2022)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its response to Chairman's Information Request (CHIR) No. 2, which was issued on August 25, 2022. Responses were due by September 1, 2022. Each public question is reprinted verbatim in the attached, and is followed by the Postal Service's response. The Postal Service's response to Question 3, and materials associated with the Postal Service's responses to Questions 2 and 3 are being filed under seal. The Postal Service hereby incorporates by reference its Application for Non-Public Treatment filed in this docket for the protection of the material filed under seal today.

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1. Please refer to Excel file "Retail Ground Calc.xlsx," tab "Current Retail Ground Prices," cells J11:J85; Excel file "PS Calc.xlsx," tab "Baseline PSG Prices," cells I8:I80; and the January 22, 2023 rollback prices proposed for the Mail Classification Schedule (MCS) in sections 2115.6 and 2135.6.¹
 - a. Please confirm that Retail Ground has Zone 9 prices. If confirmed, please explain why a column and heading reflecting Zone 9 pricing do not appear in the proposed MCS price tables for Retail Ground.² Please also submit revised MCS price tables reflecting the Zone 9 prices for Retail Ground both as of October 2, 2022, and after the proposed rates are rolled back on January 22, 2023.
 - b. Please confirm that Parcel Select Ground has Zone 9 prices. If confirmed, please explain why a column and heading reflecting Zone 9 pricing do not appear in the proposed MCS price tables for Parcel Select Ground. January 22 MCS Attachment at § 2115.6; October 2 MCS Attachment at § 2115.6. Please also submit revised MCS price tables reflecting the Zone 9 prices for Parcel Select Ground both as of October 2, 2022, and after the proposed rates are rolled back on January 22, 2023.

RESPONSE:

- a. USPS Retail Ground packages shipped to Zone 9 pay Zone 8 prices. The MCS has never included a column or heading for Zone 9 for this offering, and the Postal Service has never sought to amend the MCS to add this additional column. Therefore, the Postal Service's price tables in this case are consistent with the MCS.
- b. Parcel Select Ground packages shipped to Zone 9 pay Zone 8 prices. The MCS has never included a column or heading for Zone 9 for this offering, and the Postal Service has never sought to amend the MCS to add this additional column. Therefore, the Postal Service's price tables in this case are consistent with the MCS.

¹ Notice, Decision of the Governors of the United States Postal Service on Changes in Rates of General Applicability for Competitive Products (Governors' Decision No. 22-3), at Attachment to Governors' Decision 22-3 January 22, 2023 Price Rollback, §§ 2115.6, 2135.6 (January 22 MCS Attachment).

² January 22 MCS Attachment at § 2135.6; Notice, Decision of the Governors of the United States Postal Service on Changes in Rates of General Applicability for Competitive Products (Governors' Decision No. 22-3), at Attachment to Governors' Decision 22-3 October 2, 2022 Price Change, § 2135.6 (October 2 MCS Attachment).

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2. Please refer to Excel file "PME Calc.xlsx," tabs "PME Volume," "PME BR Prices & Revenue," and "PME AR Prices & Revenue."
 - a. Please confirm that Priority Mail Express has dimensional weight prices. See January 22 MCS Attachment at § 2105.6; October 2 MCS Attachment at § 2105.6.
 - b. If question 2.a. is confirmed, please explain why volume is not reported for dimensional weight pieces in the Excel file "PME Calc.xlsx" for the calculation of Before Rates and After Rates revenue but is reported for dimensional weight Retail Ground, Priority Mail, and Parcel Select Ground pieces in Excel files "Retail Ground Calc.xlsx," "PM Calc.xlsx," and "PS Calc.xlsx." Please submit a revision of Excel file "PME Calc.xlsx" that reflects dimensional weight Priority Mail Express volume and revenue.

RESPONSE:

- a. Confirmed.
- b. This volume was mistakenly left off from the "PME Calc.xlsx" file. A revised file has been submitted under seal.